

Fort Jones Police Department Monthly Report

November 2020

Happy new year all. 2020 is finally over and despite all the chaos and unprecedented occurrences we had a very successful year. I am very proud of our town and crew for all the accomplishments we were able to reach. Again I would like to thank everyone with their support and help during these difficult times that gave us the ability to make such amazing strides forward. Many long term issues that plagued our home have been rectified and or are in the process of being handled. We couldn't accomplish these goals without the help from our constituents on a daily basis. Thank you for the undying support and we look forward to working with everyone this year as we continue to move forward in making our valley the safest most beautiful place in the world to live.

Traffic- In this past month we have seen several minor vehicle accidents fortunately not resulting in any injuries. In depth Collision reports were taken resulting in each of the collisions being preventable if proper driving techniques were followed. This is important to know as we continue to educate drivers on how to be safe while driving in town. Due to every accident being preventable is why we call them collisions vs. accidents. As these winter months continue please slow down and make the necessary precautions to reduce the risks of traffic related collisions.

Schools- After a holiday hiatus students will be returning to in person learning this Wednesday. We will continue to partnership with our schools to help make this a continued reality for our valley youth. The precautions taken by the school district along with local agencies during these covid times will help ensure we keep our schools open and thriving.

Animal Control- We continue to see positive changes when it comes to animal control issues. Our constituents are becoming more familiar with the towns procedures and becoming compliant to them. We are continuing to work on developing kennels for the town which would provide a safe place to house dogs while attempting to locate owners or homes for them. A huge thank you to Council Member Mercedes Garcia as she has been instrumental in developing and updating ordinances. Without her willingness to devote time and energy into these issues we would not be able to progress and establish the much needed guidance for our town.

Reports/Cases- This past year resulted in over a hundred written cases for the town of Fort Jones. There has been a multitude of crimes that were solved and prosecuted to due the hard work from our officers. As we continue to progress with our proactive enforcement I foresee the written cases diminish over time. This will be a testament of the hard work and devotion provided by our staff. This is our overall goal to see that consistent reduction of crime continue helping us maintain a safe place to live.

Calls for Service- Attached is a brief overall review of the calls for service the police department took during the year 2020. While many calls for service don't go over the air it is safe to say approximately 25% additional calls were taken bring our total calls for service in Fort Jones to over 1000.

Ordinance Enforcement- Code enforcement in 2020 was met with drive and enthusiasm by the Fort Jones police department especially Officer York. Thank you Kelly for such an amazing job. Kelly meets each case and call with exceptional professionalism and zeal. We are blessed to have Kelly and it's been a pleasure to work with her. We are excited to see what 2021 has in store for code enforcement and progress.

Community Events- The annual Fort Jones Christmas parade went off without a hitch and we

received very positive feedback from the community. It was a much needed event during these crazy times. Thank you to the town for making it happen.

PAL- Etna Pal helped distribute giftbags and gifts for more than 150 children in the month of December. These gifts were personally delivered to each PAL kid and it was a great experience to see their faces as we pulled up to their homes. Pal also concluded their flag football season and is preparing for basketball. We continue to hold a mentoring youth facility and make tutoring available to those in need. Its been a challenge to hold events during covid but we have been able to establish rules to help follow guidelines.

Training- The PD continues to complete mandated training when it comes to law enforcement and now covid related issues. We maintain an up to date training log for audits and to have transparency to our community. If you or anyone has any questions on the rigorous training our officers go through please send them our way. We would be happy to show others what law enforcement is accountable for on a daily basis.

Patrol Hours- In the month of December the Town of Fort Jones again received the equivalent to more than 550 hours of police services and 5 fulltime officers. Countless security checks and calls for service were performed during these hours including several sleepless nights. I want to thank our officers for being committed to their community and without complaint. I feel so grateful to have such wonderful officers willing to give back so much to their community. We are all safer and better because of it. Several search warrants were conducted this past month on top of officers regular duties. Our partnership with NSMIT again provided many additional officers and hours to accomplish these larger details.